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1. The Sao Paulo State Committee of the Communist Party of Brazil (PCB) and the PCB Central Committee contact each other in Sao Paulo through Giacomo Zanardi and an individual known as "Jose". Meetings between the two groups are extended affairs and are usually held in buildings under construction where the watchmen are known to be very reliable. The principal members of the PCB National Directorate, including Joao Amazonas, Jose Maria Crispim, and Diogenes de Arruda Camara, are living in Sao Paulo where the national direction of the Party has moved.
2. Finances and Communications. The PCB is encountering financial difficulties in Sao Paulo. These difficulties have been aggravated by police seizure of printing presses and propaganda material, which have to be replaced. The State Committee has ordered all cells and district committees to intensify their efforts to raise money and has expressed the intention of disciplining severely any who fail to do so.
3. Cirilo de Silva Pinto has been placed in charge of the financial campaign. He also collects funds for propaganda for the "Candidatos de Prestes" in the coming municipal elections. Pinto receives the money and accounts weekly.
4. Various methods are used to raise money, among which the sale of lottery tickets, door-to-door selling of cheap goods, and open air markets or feiras are the most common. The lotteries, which amount to an out-and-out donation to the PCB, are handled by the cells. Lottery vendors canvass all factory workers and threaten to blacklist any who do not purchase a ticket. The door-to-door peddlers are Communist militants who have no police records. In addition to selling merchandise supplied by the State Committee, these vendors provide liaison between the State Committee and the cells. The feiras are the most popular means of collecting money because they are believed to be the best means of disguising Communist activities. In Sao Paulo, the Pavilhao do Norte and the Feira Folclorica belong to the PCB and are managed by Joao Chiarini and Maria Corazzi. The employees under them only receive a modest reward for their work. The profits are large, 20,000 cruzeiros having been cleared on Carnival Sunday alone. These profits are used to maintain the daily PCB newspaper Noticias de Hoje, which in early March was changed from tabloid to regular size.
5. Infiltration of the Armed Forces, Rural Workers, and Industrial Workers. Anti-Mil, the cell charged with penetration of Brazilian land and air forces, has

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been blamed for not having effected any significant infiltration. In the State Troops, the Fire Brigade, the Guarda Civil, and the Guarda Nocturno, however, the PCB has succeeded in penetrating all ranks from officers to enlisted men. The State Troops are to be a special object of attention by the Party because they are dissatisfied over the failure of the government to pay their 300 cruzeiros monthly salary early in March.

6. The State Committee believes that the industrial workers in Sao Paulo have been quite well indoctrinated and it now plans to place emphasis on the agricultural workers. The bulk of the propaganda will be aimed at the farmhand, and weekly couriers are being sent to large agricultural centers to instruct the municipal Party workers on methods of securing the support of the rural people. The State Committee regards this program with enthusiasm and is considering the possibility of starting simultaneous strikes all over the state. If the strikes were to take place, the PCB expects the State Troops, consisting of many Party sympathizers, to be called out. This would serve as a test case, and if it were successful, a movement on a national scale involving the dispersion of Federal troops would be planned and executed.
7. The State Committee has blamed the leaders of various cells within the large industries, such as Goodyear and General Motors, for not pushing the expansion of their particular cells.
8. Location of Files.* The PCB has encountered difficulties in selecting a secure place to store its files. The files are at present stored with several trusted persons, whose identity is not believed to be known to the police and who are known only by a very few of the leading Communists. Leading Communists are now keeping the identity cards of persons known to the police so that when the police make an arrest and search the quarters of a prominent Communist, they will only find information already available in police files.

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The PCB is attempting to set up a central filing system of names, addresses, and other relevant details concerning Party members throughout the country. Once a safe location has been found for the files, it is planning to develop a central system of communication. The National Committee is considering the possibility of enclosing instructions in any newspaper to which a member happens to subscribe. This is believed to be feasible since so many Brazilian printers are Communists.

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